

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURELY DISTRIBUTING
DIGITAL CONTENT FOR SHORT TERM USE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for use in a communication network that
5 communicates with a plurality of digital content servers to provide
selected digital data files, including video and audio files, for
download to a subscriber device. A segmentation controller is
provided for dividing the selected into segments. An encryption
controller is provided for compressing and encrypting each of the
10 segments with a selected one of a plurality of encryption keys.
The segments are then transmitted at or above the average bandwidth
of the communication network to a subscriber device. A copy of the
decryption keys are transmitted to the subscriber device to enable
15 playback of the selected file only with a current verification of
the subscriber device.